

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A sanitary napkin adapted to be worn in a user's thong undergarment, the thong undergarment having a body faceable side and a garment faceable side in use, the sanitary napkin comprising a central absorbent pad, the central absorbent pad having a liquid pervious cover layer, a liquid impervious barrier layer and an absorbent core between the cover layer and barrier layer,

the sanitary napkin having a longitudinal centerline, a lateral centerline, a first distal end region, an opposite second distal end region and a central region intermediate the first distal end region and the second distal end region, at least a portion of the absorbent core in the second distal end region having a maximum width that is greater than a maximum width of the absorbent core in the first distal end region and a pair of flaps extending laterally outward from each longitudinal side edge along a line of juncture, including a first flap being substantially adjacent the lateral centerline and adapted to fold over a crotch portion of a thong undergarment in use, and a second flap being intermediate the first flap and the first distal end and being adapted to folded over the posterior portion of the thong undergarment in use, the central absorbent pad having a central absorbent pad adhesive that is in vertical alignment with at least a portion of the absorbent core and is adapted to contact the body faceable side of the thong undergarment in use, each flap having flap adhesive adapted to contact the garment faceable side of the thong undergarment in use, the flap adhesive being spaced apart from the central absorbent pad adhesive and is not vertically aligned with any portion of the absorbent core when the flaps are in an unfolded position.

2. A sanitary absorbent article as defined in claim 1, wherein the absorbent core has a width and the central absorbent pad adhesive has a width that is the same as the width of the absorbent core.

3. A sanitary absorbent article as defined in claim 1, wherein the central absorbent pad adhesive is a plurality of relatively narrow stripes.

4. A sanitary absorbent article as defined in claim 1, wherein the first distal end has a width of less than 30 mm.

5. A sanitary absorbent article as defined in claim 1, wherein the first distal end has a width of about 15 mm to 20 mm.

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